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## Challoner, Mitchell & Co., JEWELLERS.

We guarantee everything to be exactly as represented, and will endeavor to find what you want at the right price.

## 47 GOVERNMENT STREET.

### It's the Spirit Behind the Guns

That does the business. The old-fashioned droning way of keeping shop will not do for this end of the Nineteenth Century. Merchants have been known to advertise a Clearance Sale and offer the entire stock at cost or less, and never change the price of a single article in the store, and the amusing part of it is that they were actually disappointed at not getting results.

### A Time for Everything

And now is the time for a big Dress Goods and Cloak Clearance. We are over-stocked with goods and have decided to take a liberal loss now, while there are yet three months of winter before us. Better than that wait till the season is about ended and then begin. Every reduction is exactly as represented, and we shall make this the greatest Dress and Cloak trading event in years.

Profits go a-glimmering, and in many instances cost is lost sight of. There is just this about it, the stock is going to be reduced, and we invite every woman in this community who has the most remote idea of making a dry goods purchase to be first on the ground. The pick and choice is worth something.

### The Westside,

J. HUTCHESON & CO.

P.S.—A line not on the bills—50 pieces All-Wool Scotch Tweeds, 46 to 54 in. wide, regular price \$1.00 to \$1.65 per yard, all at 75 cents. See them.

### Bone of Contention.



Dixi H. Ross & Co. Government St.

### If You Buy Xmas Furnishings

Without seeing the immense range of Ties, Umbrellas, Lounging Jackets, Gloves, Handkerchiefs and Mufflers in the very latest and noblest goods that are showing you will make a blunder that will cause regret. If you are going to give a present the newest is no more costly than the old, and is much more appreciated. The best place to buy them is at

Geo. R. Jackson's  
57 Government Street.

### The British-Canadian Gold Fields Co., (Limited)

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British-Canadian Gold Fields Co.,

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### NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

ELEGANTLY FURNISHED suites or single

rooms well heated. Mrs. W. L. Vernon.

Jan. 4.

\$5 REWARD will be paid for information leading to the conviction of the persons who shot me for a quarter last Sunday near Jewish Cemetery. J. K. Macrae, C. O. Fell & Gregory, City.

Jan. 4.

THE 4th is the series of conversations given by the ladies of the B. E. Church to be held on Wednesday, the 6th inst., at "Inglehurst," the residence of Mr. Thos. S. Wilson, on St. Charles street, at 8:30 p.m. Single tickets, 25 cents.

Jan. 4.

COAL—\$5 per ton, delivered; weight guaranteed. Munro, Holland & Co., 26 Broad street.

SHINGLES FOR SALE—Munro, Holland & Co., Broad street, opposite the Driard.

FOR SALE, Victoria, two horses and harness \$150. John Barde, 2, 95 Broad street.

Jan. 4.

### Langley & Henderson Bros., Preparations

We take pleasure in announcing that we carry a complete line of the above.

DEAN & HISCOCKS, Chemists and Druggists.

cor. Yates and Broad Sts.

### To the Electors of North Ward.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.—At the request of a number of ratepayers I have consented to become a candidate for alderman at the forthcoming election.

JOHN RIDDELL.

(Colonist copy.)

### To the Electors of North Ward.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.—I am again a candidate for re-election as one of your representatives to the Manitoba Legislature, and respectfully solicit the support of all who approve of my course in the past as a member of the Board of Aldermen.

JOHN MACMILLAN.

### To the Electors of the South Ward.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.—At the earnest request of a large number of ratepayers, I beg to announce myself as a candidate for School Trustee at the forthcoming election. I would, therefore, solicit your vote and influence.

LEWIS HALL.

### SILVER BELL.

Owing to development, I am advised that

the price of Silver Bell Shares will be advanced to 15c on the 10th January.

JOHN JARDINE.

### For School Trustee.

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to announce myself as a candidate for School

Trustee at the forthcoming election. I would,

therefore, solicit your vote and influence.

LEWIS HALL.

### BEAUMONT BOGGS, BROKER.

Jan. 4.

### “Venita”

Delmonico Music Hall, Jan. 4th.

The only rival of Lotte Fuller and the highest

salaried artist on the Vaudeville stage.

### “CAPRICE”

Rose Elwood and our mammoth Stock Com-

pany of star performers.

Jan. 4.

### To the Electors of Central Ward.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.—At the request of

many citizens, I have decided to offer myself

for four years' time as a candidate for Alder-

man for your ward.

The present position of the public debt re-

quires careful consideration. As the interest

and sinking fund amount to \$36,000 annually,

it is evident that a large portion of the taxes

must be absorbed by the government.

Until some of the loans are paid off, I shall

oppose increasing any further liability of this

kind. I have always opposed any increase of

taxation, and with particularity against the

increase of the real estate tax this year.

If elected, I will support all reasonable re-

quests.

Provision ought to be made in 1897 for aged

and indigent women; such provision shall have

my support.

By economy in all branches of the service,

more money can be saved upon the streets,

and all street work should be done

before the winter rains set in.

As I am now in business in your ward, my

interests are identical with your own.

Respectfully yours,

WM. HUMPHREY.

### TARIFF COMMISSION

Necessity of Placing Mining Ma-  
chinery on the Free List Ad-  
vised by a Witness.

Would Result in All Ores of Kooten-  
ay and Some from States Be-  
ing Smeared Here.

Evidence of the Advisability of  
Changing the Duty on Lum-  
ber and Pork.

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—(Special)—A meeting of the tariff commission was held in the railway committee room to-day. Messrs. Fielding, Laurier and Davies were present. Messrs. Cartwright and Patterson were absent. Hon. E. H. Bronson said that indirectly the lumber trade would be affected by a change of the tariff. Pork had to be got from the States because Canada could not produce a sufficient quantity. He was not in favor of pork being put in the free list, as it was put there for the benefit of the farmer. He did favor free corn. Robert Reford, of Montreal, asked for the re-inspection of duty on sawlogs. The States were about to put a duty on lumber and the Canadian government should meet this with a duty on sawlogs. He thought Canadian pork superior to that of the States and that corn was being grown very profitably in this country. Seybold, of Seybold & Gibson, asked that grommets be classed the same as other brass goods. B. F. T. Bell, of the Mining Association, asked that a more liberal interpretation be put on all machinery used in mining from the start to finished article. John R. Booth favored the removal of the duty on pork and that corn be made free. He also wanted free coal. He wanted the United States government to adopt an urgent policy, consequent on the reaction of public opinion throughout Europe in favor of Spain. All of this points to one or two crying evils. Either the home government is deplorably lacking in initiative or the military chiefs in Cuba are incapable and unworthy of confidence. Perhaps there is a little of both. Anyway, public opinion is unanimous regarding the latter. Private advices reveal a state of maladministration prevailing on the island of a most scandalous character. Even the government organs do not altogether deny this and say nothing about the liberal papers which are being prosecuted for demanding reforms in the administration of Cuba. This prosecution is an ominous sign and dangerous action on the part of the government while public feeling is as it is. Possibly Senor Canovas' decision to exact reforms in Porto Rico is a tacit recognition that he cannot longer run counter to public opinion.

Havana, Jan. 4.—A Spanish column

headed Major Benedicto met the insur-  
gent band under Leaders Aranguren,

Ramirez and Rufino Garcia near

Campo Florida. The insurgents num-

bered 2000 and among them were seen

200 negroes and men not known in that

vicinity. A pursuit was immediately

commenced by Major Benedicto and sev-

eral engagements followed. At the

same time another column encountered

the insurgents. Fighting was kept up

for five hours. At Sacramento the

insurgents left 38 killed with arms. The

Spanish had an officer and fourteen sol-

diers wounded. Insurgent Major Alde-

vert, who landed with an expedition at

Sanches Roloff, has arrived at Havana

and held at the disposition of General

Weyler.

PLAQUE IN BOMBAY.

No Abatement in the Ravages of the  
Bubonic Plague.

LEWIS HALL.

PLAQUE IN BOMBAY.

Detectors Disclose a Scheme to Wreck

Cecil Rhodes' Train.

New York, Jan. 4.—A special to the

World from Cape Town, South Africa,

says: "A plot to wreck Cecil Rhodes'

train on its way from the north was

discovered and extraordinary precau-

tions were taken in consequence which

lucky thwarted the plotters. Seven

detectives were put on the case and

have been shadowing three Germans

from the Transvaal.

A MUSTY OLD DOCUMENT.

By Which a Man Expects to Prove His

Ownership to Considerable Land.

Buffalo, N.Y., Jan. 4.—Christopher

Helderman, the searcher in the county

court's office, his in his possession a

very old document which is exciting

much curiosity. It is a grant to Held-

erman issued by the crown to a Canadian set-



## British Columbia.

## VANCOUVER.

The banquet tendered to Mr. Justice McColl, in honor of his elevation to the Bench on Saturday evening was well attended, there being about twenty-five of the legal fraternity present. Mr. Chas Wilson, Q.C., presided and at his right hand was the guest of the evening, Mr. Justice McCreight, Judge Boile, Judge Foran and Mr. Aulay Morrison, M.P., were among those present.

A special meeting of the city council was held Saturday morning for the purpose of meeting J. Selevor of Portland, Ore., who represents a syndicate who desire to put up a smelter and refinery in this city. Mr. Selevor sought a bonus of \$150,000, on the condition that the works cost \$150,000, and that 150 men would be employed. He explained that he had the promise of transportation of ore from Rossland to Vancouver at \$6 a ton. Other roads as well as the C.P.R. had made this promise. The subject was discussed for a while, but the aldermen were not prepared to give an answer yet.

## NEW DENVER

**The Lodge.**  
There is some talk of Crown granting and stocking the Arlington in the spring. The Enterprise continues to ship four carloads of ore a week to the smelter at Omaha.

Assays from the tailings of the Slocan Star concentrator show as high as 22 ounces in silver to the ton.

McNicholl & Sorell report that they have struck a fine ledge on the North Exchange after driving a 60 foot tunnel. The first rawhiding for Slocan City commenced last week. Mullen, the prospector, is now drawing in the ore from the Two Friends on the rawhides. The other claims on Springer will soon follow suit.

It is said that R. C. Campbell-Johnston, acting on behalf of a Scotch syndicate, has bonded the St. Paul and Snowstorm, extensions of the Arlington.

The Rambler is making a name for itself as a shipper. Already five carloads of ore have been shipped from this property, and in a few days a shipment of two more carloads will be made.

The Panama and Ironfountain, two promising claims on Ten Mile creek, and about three miles from the Enterprise wagon road, have been bonded to D. G. Stewart, of Vancouver, for \$15,000. The lead runs across both claims.

## ASHCROFT.

**B. C. Mining Journal.**  
A portion of the Kurz and Lane ground has been sold by Messrs. Laird and Bowron and work in the deep channel will be pushed there this season. It is reported that the price paid was \$8,000; if it can be worked successfully it is worth a hundred times that amount.

Considerable improvements will be started at the C.P.R. station here shortly. The present quarters have been found to be too crowded for the large amount of business transacted here. The present station rooms will be changed and a baggage room erected. The receipts at the Ashcroft station are second on the Pacific division, Vancouver alone being ahead of it.

F. T. Hamshaw, who came down from Barkerville on Tuesday left the same evening for Chicago where he meets parties interested with him in some mining claims on Summit creek, fifteen miles from Barkerville, the Van Winkle group of claims. These properties have been sold and will be opened up extensively and hydrauliced next season.

Messrs. Fitzpatrick & Shuler are negotiating a bond on their Highland Valley quartz claims. For the amount of work done good results can be shown in the valley. Next season will see many men prospecting in that section and through towards Kamloops. Copper ore assaying as high as 38 per cent. has been brought in, but not as yet found in large quantities.

Mr. Mitchell, who is the expert in charge of the work being done on the Bonaparte, 16 miles from Ashcroft, says that the outlook is good for valuable quartz mines in that section. Several small ledges carrying well in silver have been found and where the crosscut tunnel now being driven is in a few hundred feet Mr. Mitchell looks for a valuable strike. He is no visionary theorist, but a calculating and conscientious mining man who is not making the noise about what has been found that many companies would. While there is yet no certainty of sufficient quantities of ore of the class found to make it profitable to work, Mr. Mitchell says there is a good enough showing to justify the expenditure of at least a few thousand dollars in prospecting. The company has put up comfortable quarters and work can be done cheap. A year may bring about a remarkable change on the Bonaparte.

## ROSSLAND.

**Rossland Miner.**  
Rossland, Jan. 2.—A dispatch to the Associated Press last Wednesday stated that the Iron Mask had struck a big ore body in the upraise from the 90-foot level to the 200-foot level to the 90-foot shaft sunk near the west end of the claim, and close to the War Eagle. Since then a crosscut has been driven on the 200-foot level to the south and to-day the vein was cut. The Rossland miners will now know that at this point the ore body is over seven feet wide. While no assays have been made there can be no doubt that the ore is very high grade as it carries a high percentage of copper and the ore from the bottom of the shaft, 100 feet above was about as high as any ever shipped from the camp. This strike places the Iron Mask among the assured mines, as the ore chute has been proved to be at least 50 feet long on the 90 foot level.

The Jumbo will begin shipping at once. Five carloads are now ready, and an average of at least two carloads a week will be maintained. The ore will have to be hauled in wagons two miles and will go thence to the smelter at Eureka, consequently only high grade ore can be shipped at present. The Comander will also begin shipping some time this month.

Shipments to the smelter from Rossland in 1895 aggregated 22,500 tons. Incomplete returns for 1896 show that 40,000 tons of ore were shipped last year. Shipments now and for some time past have averaged considerably.

over 200 tons per day and they are sure to reach a total of 100,000 tons for the year 1897.

The Red Mountain railroad took out its first car load of ore yesterday. The ore came from the Red Mountain mine. The identity of names is a coincidence which it is hoped may be a happy augury for the future. The ore was hauled from the mine down to a car which stood on the temporary siding on Nickel Plate flat. The car was hauled to the Tacoma smelter. A car load on the Red Mountain road consists of 20 tons. There are several more car loads on the dump ready for shipment, and it is believed a car load can be sent about every ten days for the time being.

Constable Hooson notified the international hotel last night that the black jack game which has been in progress there for some time must cease. The constables made a quiet round of all the saloons in the city last night, for the purpose of ascertaining if the law is being violated with respect to gambling. It is evident that the local authorities propose to put a quietus on gambling wherever it may be found. Last Sunday the game at the Howard saloon was closed.

## How to Prevent Pneumonia.

At this time of the year a cold is very easily contracted, and if left to run its course without the aid of some reliable cough medicine is liable to result in that dread disease, pneumonia. We know of no better remedy to cure a cough or cold than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. We have used it quite extensively and it has always given entire satisfaction.

This is the only remedy that is known to be a certain preventive of pneumonia. Among the many thousands who have never yet learned of a single case which resulted in pneumonia. Persons who have weak lungs or have reason to fear an attack of pneumonia, shoud keep the remedy at hand.

For sale by all druggists. Langley & Henderson Bros., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

## FORTUNES IN THE WASTE.

Talking about the saving of the copper held in solution in the water taken from the copper mines, John D. Henry, an old Montana miner, said: "For a long time the water at the copper mines around Butte was allowed to run off, the owners of the mines not seeming to understand the importance of treating the water for the copper in solution. A few years ago when the water from the Anaconda mine was leased to an old Leadville miner, who took out \$120,000 in three years at a trifling expense, it was borne in on the company that the loss from that source had amounted to a very handsome sum, and since then every gallon of water that comes from the mine has been saved and the copper extracted.

"Some years ago I visited the copper districts of East Tennessee in the interests of some parties who were talking of engaging in the business, and while there saw a copper mine in which water was a very important factor in the saving of values. The mine was very wet and the ore was extremely susceptible to the action of water. The operators, discovered this fact very soon by having to replace their iron pipes at very short intervals. They then put in wooden pipes and treated the water with scrap iron in settling tanks. As soon as the water had been exhausted of its metallic value it was pumped to a point some distance away from the shaft and permitted to percolate slowly through the crevices of the vein, and by the time it reached the pump again it was so heavily charged with copper that it was treated over again. The owners told me that the copper received in this way represented the profits of their operations.—Denver Republican.

## THE CITY OF JERUSALEM.

A recent visitor to Jerusalem writes:

Nearly all the places of interest in and about Jerusalem have been collected together, and are now exhibited under one roof, in the church of the Holy Sepulchre. Most travellers go there first, but they should go first to the Mount of Olives, survey, and try to understand the country.

It is easy to believe that this is the original mount. There at your feet is the Garden of Gethsemane, and beyond the gulf of Jehovah (for it is not a valley) is the dome of the marvellous Mosque of Omar.

Looking along the wall you can see the Golden Gate, with the decay of which, the Mohammedans say, will come the fall of Islam, just as the Sultan's power shall pass away when the last sacred dog dies. Looking down the canyon you see the old King's Garden, the Pool of Siloam, the Virgin's Well, and, farther down, some poor houses where the lepers live. Still farther, fourteen miles away, and four thousand feet below you, lies the deep Dead Sea, beyond which are the hills of Moab. If you have been lucky enough to come up here without a guide or dragoman with a bosom full of ivory-handled revolvers and long knives, you will sit for hours spellbound. The guide tries too hard to give you your master's worth. He will not allow you to muse over these things, which are reasonably real and true, but will tell you the most marvellous stories, which you cannot believe. He will show you the grave of Moses and I am told that the Scriptures say "No man kneweth where his grave is," yet, if you doubt, the guide feels hurt. He will ask you to harken to the "going in the mulberries," and if you say you don't hear he is surprised.

What strikes the traveller most forcibly on seeing Jerusalem for the first time is the littleness of everything. The Mount of Olives is a little mound; Mount Moriah is a slightly perceptible rise of ground; Mount Zion is a gentle hill; the valley of Jehovah is a deep and ugly gulch; with scarcely enough of the Tyropean Valley is an alley. Then water in it to wet a postage stamp; and you look at the unspeakable poverty and dreariness, the miles of piles of black rock, and are interested. The desert is interesting because it is desolate, but it is an awful interest. The people—the beggars that hound you—are as poor, as dwarfed and deformed as the gnarled trees that try to live on the naked rocks.

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## OTTAWA LETTER.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—In the month of August last information reached the federal government of the operations of certain agents from Brazil, who were endeavoring to entice Canadians to emigrate to that country. About the same time an official communication was received from the British consul-general at Rio de Janeiro enclosing a copy of a letter of enquiry he had received from a resident of Montreal, and taking occasion to warn the government of Canada of the entire unsuitability of the climate and general conditions prevailing in Brazil to people from north

existing between the 56,420 men in the petty officers and seamen class and the 85,818 available for sea service. Marines account for 15,000 of this difference officers for another 4842, while there are 4200 in the coastguard. What an absurdity to talk of all these guardians of our coast being available for seal! To cap all, we have 4495 boys afloat, in addition to the 5300 previously noticed under training and ineffective. That is to say, our boys number 9735, or one-sixth of our entire available force of petty officers and seamen class, or more than one-tenth of the total numbers (62,750) borne. These facts and figures should be studied by those who pretend to keep reason and authority over their public statements concerning our naval personnel.—London Exchange.

## OLD NEPTUNE'S ROPE.

The largest marine plant, and probably one of the highest plants known on this globe, is a gigantic seaweed, the nereocystis, the stem of which has been found to grow as much as 300 feet long. It was first discovered not far from the Alaskan coast, but has since been found floating in various parts of the Pacific ocean, along the American and Asiatic shores. This seaweed grows in a very curious manner. Large quantities of it are found at a little distance from shore, and at depths not exceeding 300 feet. On loamy bottom large tufts of this plant take root, and a stem of the thickness of ordinary cord grows upward. At its top there is a rose-shaped balloon, which grows with the stem, and when it reaches the surface of the water it often measures six feet and more in length, with a diameter of four feet six inches. This balloon has, of course, an upward tendency, and keeps the stem growing until it floats on the surface of the water. From the top of this balloon a large tuft of strong, thick shade-like leaves grows out, which originally are not more than two feet long, and which gradually split until from the balloon grow and split from fifty to sixty-five feet in diameter covers the water. This gigantic weed grows in such quantities that near the shore large, meadow-like islands are formed, which impede navigation. The natives of the Aleutian islands make manifold usage of this plant. From their strong dried stems they make ropes 250 feet and more long, while the balloons of this weed furnish them with large vessels after they are dried, the smaller ones being used in their boats to bail the water out. The long leaves, after being dried, are cut into narrow strips and used to rickit-work, the making of baskets and similar furniture.—St Louis Globe-Democrat.

## EUROPE AND AMERICA.

London Spectator Discusses the Cuban and Other Questions.

London, Jan. 2.—The Spectator, in an article on the position of the United States and Europe as effected by the Cuban question, after remarking that the Washington government has had an unpleasant surprise in the attitude of the European powers, proceeds to explain the reasons for the European antagonism to the United States, and points out that the great financiers of Paris who hold Spanish bonds are alarmed at the possibility that Spain, after fighting to the bitter end, might be compelled to suspend payment, and consequently they are urging the French government to intervene between Washington and Madrid. The Emperor William, it is said, also approves of this for apart from his dreams of colonial expansion, which could be best gratified in Brazil is not fond of American diplomacy. The Italian government, according to the Spectator, will support Spain, "owing to the Italians in the United States being treated as if they were negroes or Red Indians."

The Spectator then adds that the Austrian Emperor will support Germany in maintaining the independence of Spain, being actuated by weighty family reasons, not wishing to see the Queen Regent, who is an Austrian archduchess, and her son driven out of Madrid by a popular revolt following the loss of Cuba. The Freebund, therefore, and France, the Spectator says, are ready to co-operate. President Cleveland to be moderate and "avoid threats" which Spain could not tolerate and which might lead to a widespread maritime war.

The Spectator continues: "The United States could conquer any American state, and might, if they exerted themselves, defeat a single European power, but cannot defeat all the European powers, even if England, through relations of kinship, remained neutral. The fact is patent to all that the United States will not be allowed to order Spain out of her colony without resistance from continental Europe, which might be followed by one of the combined fleets of the five powers and the sending of armies in Cuba and the French West Indies."

The Spectator is deeply grieved at the attacks on United States Ambassador Bayard, which have appeared in the Chronicle and says he did great service here in pointing out the gravity of the situation which the English thought was only a demonstration of spread-eagleism.

Just received direct from the manufacturers a special line of English walking sticks at Henry Short & Sons, 72 Douglas street.

We wish you all the compliments of the season. Weiler Bros.

ENGLAND'S LIST OF SEAMEN.

Fanciful intelligences in naval matters have lately been striving to take advantage of the present situation. Not only this, but the country has been surprised with a lot of nonsensical statements about the numbers of all rank available for sea service. So-called experts fall into a palpable mistake when they put it at 93,750, which is the total number voted. Only 55,818 are available for sea service even on paper, the remaining 7932 being made up of 5300 boys under training and 1121 pensioners, besides 462 naval cadets and engineer students, while to complete the list 1049 other officers and men are employed in different establishments and services.

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But here is a big disparity in numbers

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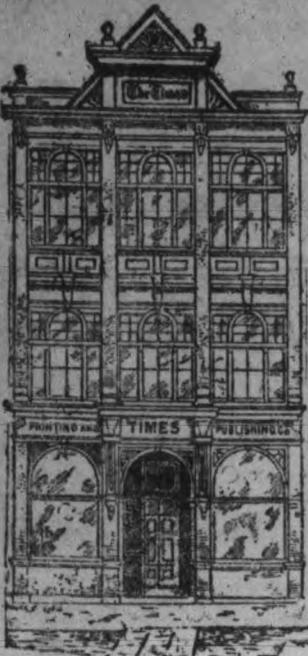
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## The Daily Times.

## "A CLERICAL ERROR."

The public will be rather amused to find the Colonist announcing that "there has been a material modification in the tone of the press regarding the B. C. Southern land grant." To those who have paid any attention to the Colonist's utterances on the subject this "material modification" must have been easily apparent.

A few days ago the government organ undertook to show that the Hon. Mr. Blair was all wrong when he said that this land grant amounted to 15,000,000 acres; it found that "Mr. Blair made a series of distinct statements in connection with the land grant to the B. C. Southern, all of which were wide of the mark." Yesterday it found that Mr. Blair was speaking by the book, that his statement was quite justified by the act of 1894 as it stands.

The Colonist, however, offers a most remarkable explanation, for it avers that the grant of 20,000 acres per mile was extended to the western section of the road "by reason of a clerical error" in the act of 1894. These surely never before was a case where a "clerical error" could be held to account for the increase of a railway subsidy from 3,500,000 acres to 15,000,000 acres. If the Colonist's hypothesis were to be accepted, what would the people have to think of the methods which could permit so huge a slice of their property to be handed over to private individuals by a clerical error?

Unfortunately for our venerable neighbor, the wording of the act does not bear out this charming theory. Section 2 of the act reads: "The grant in favor of the B. C. Southern Railway, authorized by the Railway Aid Act, 1893, as amended by an act to make further provision for a land subsidy for and in aid of the British Columbia Southern Railway Company, is hereby EXTENDED and applied to the several sections of said railway as described in sub-sections (a), (b) and (c) of section 8 of the British Columbia Southern Railway Act, 1894."

The act of 1893 had already granted the 20,000 acres per mile for sections (a) and (b), or that part of the road between Crow's Nest Pass and Kootenay Lake. Section 2 of the act of 1894 is plainly intended to extend the grant to a new section of the road, and to the ordinary mind it must appear that the section specified in the act is the only possible one, namely that portion between Kootenay Lake and Burrard inlet.

Nobody can doubt that some extension of the grant was intended when the act was passed, and from the wording the intention plainly was to subdivide this coast section. The Colonist pretends to be able to go behind the wording of the act and say that this was not the intention of the legislature. Having this power it should not have stopped short there, but should have gone on to say what the intention really was. What was the extension of the grant to be? Is it not evident that it must be of the land? In other words, if there is a clerical error in the act as it stands, what is the correct version? The Colonist with its superior knowledge of the minds of our legislators should be able to answer.

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## THIRD LETTER.

To the Editor: In following the discussions, to which the proposed grants in aid of the British Pacific railway have given rise, I have not failed to observe a disposition to regard the construction of a road through Central British Columbia as a mere local affair for the benefit of Victoria, and hence to be hardly a proper subject of support from the other sections of the province. I submit that British Columbia must rise above mere local considerations if it is ever to profit by the full development of its immense resources, but, as this matter presents itself to me there is no ground for any local feeling about it. Ultimately Victoria will probably become the terminus of the proposed railway, but this means a monopoly of transportation over it I do not admit, nor do I think it will be fairly claimed. The proposed railway would reach tide water at the head of Butte Inlet, and this would prevent Victoria from ever having a monopoly of the traffic over it. Doubtless after the necessary mileage was constructed on the Island and connection by ferry established with the line on the Mainland, Victoria would be the terminus of the transcontinental traffic and the entrepot of the trans-Pacific business of the road; as Vancouver now is for that class of business done over the Canadian Pacific; but for the local trade of the interior and as a distributing point for goods carried over the line, except to once freight reached tide water, the Gulf of Georgia and Butte Inlet, would make them all termini of the new artery of transportation, and each of these cities, that is, Vancouver, New Westminster and Nanaimo, would be nearer the point where the rails would reach tide water than Victoria would be. It is of course altogether probable that a new city would grow up at the head of the Inlet, but this is no more an argument against the building of the line than the existence of Vancouver is an argument against the Canadian Pacific. In this connection some statement as to distances may be of interest.

From the head of Butte Inlet to Victoria, 10 miles. From the head of the Inlet to Vancouver, 22 miles. From the head of the Inlet to New Westminster, 242 miles. These distances are only intended as fairly close approximations, being relatively rather than absolutely correct. In the case of Victoria the distance would be all rail; in the case of the other cities it would be all water. In saying that the distances Victoria would be all rail, I am assuming that the British Pacific project would be carried out in its entirety, and a line be built upon the Island with a connection by ferry with a line on the Mainland at Frederick Arm. If this were not accomplished Victoria would have the handicap of a longer water carriage than either of the other cities or else would have to handle its business partly by rail via Nanaimo. My impression is that in view of the expensive nature of the line between the head of the Inlet and Frederick Arm, the interests of Victoria would be best served after the line on the Mainland had been built, by the construction first of a line on Vancouver Island as far north as Seymour Narrows, and the establishment of ferry connection with the terminus at the head of the Inlet, leaving the line to Frederick Arm to come later, as it undoubtedly will.

The foregoing facts show that what I am contending for, namely, a line of railway from the head of Butte Inlet into the Cariboo country, would be in no sense an enterprise peculiarly for the advantage of Victoria or any other part of the coast to the exclusion of the rest; but that each city would share in the trade to be developed by it in proportion to its ability to handle business. I shall discuss later the aspects of the proposition from a transcontinental point of view and think I can show that the construction necessary to afford uninterrupted rail communication between Victoria and Winnipeg would be immediately forthcoming; but with this I am not concerned at present. To properly understand this project it is necessary to consider it in sections, or more correctly speaking to look at it from different points of view, and I am now considering it as a local railway for the development of the resources of the great

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## J. M. BARRE AS A CHAIRMAN.

Mr. J. M. Barrie, the well known Scott author, was invited about a year ago by the Aberdeen corporation to deliver a public lecture in that city. His reply was characteristic. "You are very kind," he wrote, "and I thank you very heartily for this pleasant remembrance of me that induced the committee to send me this invitation; but on the very few occasions on which I have been on a platform I wished to get beneath it. I never did lecture, and I am sure I never could." This recalls a very good story that is not generally known concerning the author of "A Window in Thrums." It seems that, on one occasion being induced to take the chair at a Burns supper at Ayr, he sat down and helpless at the head of the table, doing none of those things which we expect a chairman to do, not even simulating enjoyment. The papers chaffed him off as being a gaucherie, and the crassest chaff of all appeared in the National Observer in an article on "Mr. Barrie in the Chair." Most people who read it contended that it went too far and showed personal animus, and so on. It eventually leaked out that the writer was Mr. Barrie himself.

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—Ald. Macmillan has announced himself as a candidate for re-election in North Ward; Ald. Humphrey seeks re-election in Central Ward; John Jardine is a candidate for South Ward and Dr. Lewis Hall is a candidate for school trustee. Mr. D. H. Ruddell is also a candidate for alderman for North Ward.

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—The following is the programme of a concert to be held by the 2nd Victoria Company Boys' Brigade to-morrow evening at 8 p.m.: March, No. 3 Co. Fifth Regiment fifes and drum band; song, Mr. Phillips; drill, Boys' Brigade; recitation, Mr. Allen; piano solo, Mrs. Haughton; farce, "Back From California"; march, No. 3 Co. Fifth Regiment fifes and drum band; song, Miss Jameson; recitation, Miss Turner; chorus, five young ladies; instrumental duet, the Misses Ross; drill, Boys' Brigade; recitation, Mr. Irvine; song, Master A. Williams; violin solo, Miss Brown; farce, "The Christmas Ship."

—All the public schools re-opened to-day. In the city schools the attendance was fair. In the majority of the rooms the children were assigned their lessons, told what new books they had to purchase and then dismissed. As a result the bookstores were to-day invaded by hundreds of school children. Messrs. Erskine, Wall & Co., the well known grocers, gave a good lead pencil to each scholar who called at their store. Below is to-day's attendance in the different schools: North Ward, 477; South Park, 387; Girls' Central, 331; Victoria-West, 215; Boys' school, 361; and High School, 120.

—The following is a statement of the work accomplished during the past year in connection with the Salvation Army Food and Shelter, Market Building: There have been 4658 beds occupied and 13,947 meals supplied. With the exception of some who were unable to work through age and otherwise, all of the above meals and beds have been worked for in the wood-yard in connection with the institution. There has been no pauperizing or loafing allowed. Each man has worked for what he has got. There has been an average of five men per day during the year just passed applied for work, and none have been refused. The officer in charge would like to take this opportunity of thanking the many kind friends who have patronized the wood-yard in connection with the work during the past year, and by doing so they have helped to accomplish the above work done.

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He seemed inclined to relapse into silence after this; but I was determined to draw him out a little more, if I could possibly manage it. "There is less personal risk in the branch you have been talking of," I remarked, "than there is in burglary."

"Ah?" he said, warming to his subject once again. "It is the higher game which is best worth aiming at. Talk about sport, sir, talk about fishing or hunting! why it is tame in comparison! Think of the great country house with its men servants and its dogs and its firearms, and you with only your Jimmy and your center bit; and your mother wit, which is best of all. It is the triumph of intellect over brute force, sir, as represented by bolts and bars."

"People generally look upon it as quite the reverse," I remarked.

"I was never one of those blundering life-preserver fellows," said my companion. "I did try my hand at gallantry once; but it was against my principles, and I gave it up. I have tried everything. I have been a bed-ridden widow with three young children; but I do object to physical force."

"You have been what?" said I.

"A bed-ridden widow. Advertising, you know, and getting subscriptions. I have tried them all. You seem interested in these experiences," he continued; "so I will tell you another anecdote. It was the narrowest escape for penal servitude that ever I had in my life. A pal and I had gone down on a country beat—it doesn't signify where it was—and taken up our headquarters in a little provincial town. Somehow it got noise abroad that we were there, and householders were warned to be careful, as suspicious characters had been seen in the neighborhood. We should have changed our plans when we saw the game was up; but my chum was a plucky fellow, and wouldn't consent to back down. Poor little Jim! He was only thirty-four round the chest, and about twelve at the biceps; but there is not a measuring tape in England could have given the size of his heart. He said we were in for it, and we must stick to it; so I agreed to stay, and we chose Morley, the country-house of a certain Col. Morley, to begin with.

"Now this Col. Morley was about the last man in the world that we should have meddled with. He was a shrewd, cool-headed fellow, who had knocked about and seen the world, and it seems that he took a special pride in the detection of criminals. However, we knew nothing of all this at that time; so we set forth hopefully to have a try at the house.

"The reason that made us pick him out among the rest was that he had a good-for-nothing groom, who was a tool in our hands. This fellow had drawn up a rough plan of the premises for us. The place was pretty well locked up and guarded, and the only weak point we could see was a certain trapdoor, the padlock of which was broken, and which opened from the roof into one of the lumber rooms. If we could only find any method of reaching the roof, we might force a way securely from above. We both thought the plan rather a good one, and it had a spice of originality about it which pleased us. It is not the mere jewels or plate, you know, that a good cracksmen thinks about. The neatness of the job and his reputation for smartness are almost as important in his eyes.

"We had been very quiet for a day or two, just to let suspicion die away. Then we set out one dark night, Jim and I, and got over the avenue railings and up to the house without meeting a soul. It was blowing hard, I remember, and the clouds hurrying across the sky. We had a good look at the front of the house, and then

Jim went round to the garden side. He came running back in a minute or two in a great state of delight. "Why, Bill," he said, gripping me by the arm, "there never was such a bit of luck! They've been repairing the roof or something, and they've left the ladder standing." We went round together, and there, sure enough, was the ladder towering above our heads, and one or two laborers' hats lying about, which showed that some work had been going on during the day. We had a good look round, to see that everything was quiet, and then we climbed up. Jim first and I after him. We got to the top, and were sitting on the slates, having a bit of a breather, before beginning business, when you can fancy our feelings to see the ladder that we came up by suddenly stand straight up in the air, and then slowly descend until it rested in the garden below! At first we hoped it might have slipped, though that was bad enough; but we soon had that idea put out of our head.

"Hullo, up there!" cried a voice from below.

"We craned our heads over the edge, and there was a man, dressed, as far as we could make out, in evening dress, and standing in the middle of the grass plot. We kept quiet.

"Hullo!" he shouted again. "How do you feel yourself? Pretty comfortable, eh? Ha ha! You London rogues thought we were green in the country, what's your opinion now?"

"We both lay still, though feeling pretty considerably small, as you may imagine. "It's all right," I said, "I see you," he continued. "Why, I have been waiting behind that lilac bush every night for the last week, expecting to see you. I knew you couldn't resist going up that ladder when you found the windows were too much for you—Joel Joe!"

"Yes, sir," said a voice, and another man came from among the bushes.

"Just you keep your eye on the roof, will you, while I ride down to the station and fetch up a couple of constables!—Au revoir, gentlemen! You don't mind waiting, I suppose?" And Col. Morley—for it was the owner of the house himself—strode off; and in a few minutes the rattle of his horse's hoofs going down the avenue.

"Well, sir, we felt precious silly, as you may imagine. It wasn't so much having been puffed that bothered us, as the feeling of being caught in such a simple trap. We looked at each other in blank disgust, and then to save our lives we couldn't help bursting into laughter at our own fix. However, it was no laughing matter; so we set to work going round the roof, and seeing if there was a likely water pipe or anything that might give us a chance of escape. We had to give it up as a bad job; so we sat down again, and made up our minds to the worst. Suddenly an idea flashed into my head, and I groped my way over the roof until I felt wood under my feet. I bent down and found that the colonel had actually forgotten to secure the padlock! You will often notice, as you go through life, that it is the shrewdest and most cunning man who falls into the most absurd mistakes; and this was an example of it. You may guess that we did not lose much time, for we expected to hear the constables every moment. We dropped through into the lumber-room, slipped downstairs, tore open the library shutters, and were out and away before the astonished groom could make out what had happened. There wasn't time enough to take any little souvenir, or worse luck. I should have liked to have seen the colonel's face when he came back with the constables and found that the birds were flown."

"Did you ever come across the colonel again?" I asked.

"Yes; we skinned him of every bit of plate he had, down to the salt spoons, a few years later. It was partly out of revenge, you see, that we did it. It was a very well-planned and daring thing, one of the best I ever saw, and all done in open daylight, too."

"How in the world did you do it?" I asked.

"Well, there were three of us in it—Jim was one; and we set about it in this way. We wanted to begin by getting the colonel out of the way, so I wrote him a note purporting to come from Squire Brotherton, who lived about ten miles away, and was not always on the best of terms with the master of Morley hall. I dressed myself up as a groom and delivered the note myself. It was to the effect that the squire thought he was able to lay his hands on the scoundrels who had escaped from the colonel a couple of years before, and that if the colonel would ride over they would have little difficulty in securing them. I was sure that this would have the desired effect; so, after laying it in, and remarking that I was the squire's groom, I walked off again, as if on the way back to my master's."

"After getting out of sight of the house, I crouched down behind a hedge; and, as I expected, in less than a quarter of an hour the colonel came swinging past me on his chestnut mare. Now, there is an-

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## BY BOOK POST.

I have received from the publishers a copy of a collection of papers by Dean Farrar called "The Young Man Master of Himself". The essays are on allied topics, on the young man in the home, in business, in the church, young men and marriage, and one with the initial title. A great deal of sensible advice is given and the wholesome lesson indicated that the world was not created especially for young men. The author says in his introduction:—"All good men who have themselves begun to enter into the Valley of the Shadow cannot but look with the deepest interest on those who will be fighting the difficult path of life, in that warfare which has no discharge, long after they themselves are sleeping with their fathers." The earnest strain in which the work is written, the sympathetic insight into the trials and problems of those who are young in the world's wisdom, the simple straightforward language in which the counsel is couched will combine to make the affectionate regard which prompted the writing touch the hearts of all readers. No young man could read the book unmoved and assuredly no reader could go from the reading without fresh resolves in his heart, that the world should be a better place from his having lived in it.

"Plants and Their Children" by Mrs. W. Starr Dana, author of "How to Know the Wild Flowers," is a charming book for children. It consists of a series of easy reading lessons on the wonders of plant life, an entertaining as stories. The curious features and various forms of familiar plants and trees including their roots and stems, buds and leaves, fruits, seeds and flowers are all described in simple language. The child is taught to see to think, to observe for himself, and thus become an intelligent student of nature. The acquaintanceship thus formed with the varied forms of nature early in life will be a source of pleasure in all the after years. The curiosity of young readers is cleverly stimulated by both the writing and the facts put forth concerning the wonderful world which will sooner or later disclose its dearest treasures for all who care to hunt for them. The edition is a pretty one in fawn and green and is carefully and attractively illustrated by the author's sister, Alice J. Smith.

An amateur volume of verse reached me some weeks ago and has remained unnoticed, because of the busy season not because the contents did not considerably entertain me. The introduction states: "These rural rhymes are not the rose-tinted reveries of a rustieating rhapsodist, but the regular rough reminiscences of a real rancher written by himself." The title, "Rural Rhymes," indicates to a considerable degree its contents. The poems are similarly entitled, A Mosquito Song, An Ox Song, A Cow Song, A Bull Song, A Horse Song, etc., etc. I give a few stanzas herewith. The first is from the Mosquito Song, the insect is reflecting on the ways and tricks of men:—

"At times he like a stump will stand  
And you will think him dead  
Then suddenly he wakes, and flails  
Go thrashing round his head."

Another telling of a conflict with an ox ends thus:—

"But I have seen the foolishness  
of trifling with a thief."

And so this good but erring ox  
Will very soon be biffed."

The Sheep Thief," a longer poem, is a more ambitious one and has some thrilling passages. The volume will have local interest, it being the work of a resident of Comox. I am glad to be able to point out the efforts of native writers and to express the hope that a race of authors will spring up in the land. This poet is to be commended for the praiseworthy attempt to embody some of the spirit of his everyday life. A few of the poems toward the end of the volume show that the writer is capable of better work than the majority of the songs in this collection.

I have received the prospectus of a British Columbia year-book shortly to be issued by Mr. R. E. Gosnell, Librarian of the legislative assembly. Mr. Gosnell's ability and scholarship as well as the exceptional facilities his occupation affords him, ought to ensure for the book an honored place among the literature of the province. The prospectus says:—"Statistically, it will contain complete information, covering the period from confederation to the time of publication. Politically, it will be a parliamentary companion for the province. Historically, it will outline the events since the earliest discoveries of the northwest coast to the present, with biographies and portraits of public men."

The Christmas number of the Art Interchange has a festive dress of holly and mistletoe and is escorted by two dashing color plates, the one a frieze of chrysanthemums by De Longe and the other a coquettish picture of kittens. There are two good copies of famous pictures, Rubens' Madonna and Child, and Murillo's "The Child, St. John." A couple of readable and well-illustrated articles are "An Afternoon in Nuremberg" and "Arnold Bocklin Painter." There are an unusual number of instructive papers on embroidery designs, illustrating and animal drawing, working in leather, etc., etc.

MADGE ROBERTSON.

"The Young Man Master of Himself," by Dean Farrar. Fleming H. Revell & Co., publishers, Toronto; cloth 50c.

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A letter received from A. H. Lynch-Staunton, a prominent rancher of Pincher Creek district, N. W. T., says that the heavy snow which fell there during the latter part of November and threatened the destruction of the large herds of cattle, has all disappeared before the warm Chinook winds. The snow, for a time, was four feet deep, the heaviest fall seen there in eighteen years, and, as the large herds of cattle all winter out, it looked for a couple of weeks as if they were doomed to perish. The ranchers had a good deal of feed stored for such emergencies, and they managed to keep the cattle in fodder during the time the snow remained on the ground, but for a time it was just a question whether the snow or the fodder would disappear first. Luckily the Chinook winds arrived in time to avert the threatened disaster to the herds and they are now in good condition again.

Mr. Lynch-Staunton, who is a son of Mr. F. H. Lynch-Staunton, of this city, has a herd of 800 cattle, and it may be imagined that the period of unusual snowfall was one of intense anxiety to him and the other large ranchers in the district, and the continuance of the severe weather for a few weeks longer would have practically wiped out the herds. Such a snow fall has not occurred there in the memory of the oldest ranchers and they hope it won't be duplicated in another 20 years.—Hamilton Spectator.

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## Victoria &amp; Sidney R.Y.

Trains will run between Victoria and Sidney daily as follows:

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Leave Sidney at . . . . 8:15 a.m., 5:15 p.m.

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The First of these Monthly Competitions, for the Province of British Columbia, will commence January 1st, 1897, and will be continued each month during 1897.

## BICYCLES AND WATCHES..

12 Stearns' Bicycles, valued \$100 each.  
12 Gold Watches . . . . . 25

Will be given during 1897, one  
Bicycle and one Watch  
each month, as follows:

## HOW TO OBTAIN THEM.

Competitors must send "Sunlight Soap Wrappers" which they can collect. Cut off the top portion of each wrap, put that portion containing the name of the competitor, and send to the Manufacturers of British Columbia, Ltd., Victoria, B.C. Those called "Coupon Books" are to be sent enclosed with a sheet of paper on which the competitor's name, his or her full name and address, and the number of Coupons sent, postage paid, to Mr. G. R. KING, Victoria, B.C.

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## MINERAL PRODUCTS

An Interesting Report on Production of Minerals During Last Year.

Amount Produced by the Different States—Reports of the Mint Directors.

New York, Jan. 2.—The Engineering and Mining Journal to-day contains statistics of the mineral product of the United States during 1896. The production of minerals and metals in the United States for the year 1896 is given with a total value of \$653,311,465, showing a decrease as compared with 1895 of \$24,683,260, or about 3.1 per cent. This decrease was largely in values, rather than in quantities; in none of the chief articles was there any marked decrease, while in several there were considerable increases.

The total production of metal in 1896 was valued at \$242,311,481, an increase of \$1,634,111 over the previous year, while the value of non-metallic substance was \$410,999,987, a decrease of \$26,383,377 from 1895. A large part of this was due to the lower values of coal, stone, and a few other important substances, very little resulting from the smaller quantities.

The production of aluminum shows an increase of 400,000 pounds over that of 1895; the total for the year being 1,300,000 pounds. The production continues in the hands of a single company, the Pittsburgh Reduction company.

An increase of about 100 tons is reported in the production of antimony, which came wholly from the California mines.

The increase in copper has been extraordinary, the total gains amounting to 67,763,150 pounds, which was made in spite of a large decrease in the domestic demands, but was more than absorbed by the extraordinary exports for the year, which are the largest on record.

The gold production of the United States in 1896 reached the total of \$37,600,000, a gain over 1895 of no less than \$10,169,800. This extraordinary advance far surpasses the gains reported from any other country in the world, puts the United States in the lead of the gold producing countries. Our output of gold was no less than 26 per cent. of the total output by the entire world.

The production of pig iron has been in 1896, 8,768,800 long tons. The depression in business which made itself manifest in the latter part of the year, has had less effect than had been anticipated, the decrease from 1895 being only 677,439 tons, or about 7 per cent.

The production of lead from the domestic ores in 1896 amounted to 175,717 short tons, showing an increase of 20,963 tons over the preceding year. In addition to this there were 70,000 tons produced from imported ores, or refined from imported bullion.

The quicksilver output for 1896 was 33,012 flasks of 761-2 pounds each, showing a decrease of 933 flasks from the previous year. The production continues to come wholly from the California mines, no new deposit having been developed to the producing point during the year.

The production of silver from domestic ores reached a total of 45,465,175 fine ounces, showing a decrease from that of 1895 amounting to 865,062 ounces only. The silver production has thus been maintained better than has been anticipated. Moreover, there were produced or refined from foreign ores and bullion by our smelters no less than 40,000,000 fine ounces of silver, making a total quantity refined or put into final marketable form in this country \$5,465,173 fine ounces. This large production was almost entirely absorbed by the markets and the average price of silver for the year shows an actual advance, having been 67 cents, although towards the close of the year it fell about two per cent. below that price. Of the silver obtained from foreign ores, it is estimated that 38,000,000 ounces came from Mexican ores and bullion and 2,000,000 ounces from materials brought into this country from Canada, chiefly British Columbia.

The total production of silver for commerce for the year 1896 amounted to 77,084 short tons, showing a decrease of 4070 tons from that of 1895. The production was fully up to the demand, however. Of the output of silver in 1896, 31,441 tons came from Illinois and Indiana districts, 36,331 tons from Kansas-Missouri region, and 9332 tons from the Eastern and Southern producers. The latter, as well as the Illinois-Missouri district, showed a decrease, a slight gain being reported from the Kansas-Missouri district.

As was inevitable in a year of business depression, the coal trade was not large, in fact, it is surprising that bituminous coal should have any increase at all. The output in 1896 was 141,770,000 tons, showing a gain over 1895 of 4,371,752 tons. On the other hand there was a decrease of 0,782,057 short tons in the anthracite production, this amount being greater than the gain in bituminous. The total coal production was therefore 193,351,927 short tons, and the total decrease, as compared with 1895, was 2,410,300 short tons. With ordinary prosperity and activity in manufacturing we would doubtless have passed 200,000,000 tons before this, and it is to be hoped that point will be reached in 1897.

The production of coke showed a gain of 445,276 tons, chiefly due to the activity of the iron and steel trade in the earlier part of the year.

Washington, Jan. 2.—The approximate estimates of the production of gold and silver from the mints of the United States made to the director of the mint

by the mint officers and others employed to collect these statistics, gives the production of gold in the respective states and territories in 1896 and the increase over 1895 as follows:

Name	Product in 1896	Increase over 1895
Alaska	\$ 3,249,000	\$ 453,000
Arizona	2,418,000	1,235,000
California	16,500,000	1,620,000
Colorado	13,000,000	
Idaho	2,474,000	605,000
Montana	4,440,000	572,000
Nevada	2,955,000	1,405,000
New Mexico	525,000	35,000
Oregon	1,300,000	410,000
Washington	382,000	30,000
South Dakota	1,650,000	780,000
Utah	1,920,000	550,000
S. Appalachian	38,000	
Total	\$54,119,000	

The above gives a total production of \$54,119,000. The director, however, estimates the production of gold to be only \$51,500,000, and thinks when the reports from the private refineries and smelting works are received, showing the amount of gold extracted by them from ores mined in different states and territories, the production of gold in 1896 will approximate the figures given him viz.: \$51,500,000.

The production of silver by states and territories, reported in fine ounces by the same agents, was as follows:

Name	Fine ounces.
Alaska	77,300
Arizona	1,800,000
California	193,000
Washington	140,000
Oregon	75,000
Montana	16,500,000
Idaho	5,500,000
Utah	8,728,000
Colorado	20,000,000
South Dakota	200,000
New Mexico	550,000
Nevada	772,000
Total	52,535,300

The director is of the opinion that the gold product of Colorado for 1896 was at least \$1,000,000 less than in 1895. The silver product fell off about 3,400,000 ounces. There were numerous causes which tended to produce this result, the continued strike at Leadville and the fact that some of the largest producing mines of the Cripple Creek district were shut down part of the year. As compared with the production of 1895, the following states show a loss in their silver products in 1896:

Name	Fine ounces.
Montana	1,070,000
Colorado	3,400,000
Nevada	84,000
California	460,000
Total	5,014,000

An increase in the silver product is shown in the following statement?

Name	Fine ounces.
Oregon	23,000
Washington	18,000
Utah	1,260,000
Arizona	380,000
South Dakota	40,000
Alaska	104,000
Total	2,554,000

COMMODORE WRECKED.

Struck Several Times on a Bar and Foundered at Sea.

Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 4.—Steamer Commodore, which cleared from this port for Cienfuegos, Cuba, on Thursday with a cargo of arms and ammunition, foundered off New Smyrna on Saturday morning. Twenty-eight men were on board of the steamer, and so far as known only twelve were saved. One boat was dashed ashore empty and another one landed with twelve men. The Commodore carried two other boats, but they have not been heard from. The steamer is reported to have sunk about twenty miles out to sea.

The Commodore struck twice while crossing the bar at the mouth of the river and had been leaking almost from the start.

Major Ricardo A. Delgado, one of the crew, arrived here this evening on the train from New Smyrna, accompanied by eleven other survivors, all of the latter being Cubans.

Major Delgado was met at the train by J. A. Hoay, Florida representative of the Cuban junta, to whom he told the story of the wreck. Delgado reported that he was awakened about 12 midnight, Friday night, by the report that the steamer was leaking. The pumps would not work and the men set to work to float the steamer out.

This proved ineffectual and soon the engineer reported that it was impossible to go any further, as the water had put out the fires of the engines. The Commodore was then twenty miles out to sea and was running towards Mosquito Inlet light. The boats were lowered and Delgado and eleven others got into one boat and pulled away. The steamer sank between 2:30 a.m. and

everything was dark. Delgado was of the impression that the other boats were lowered at the same time, but he was not certain. He knew nothing about the sinking of the steamer or whether any others than those in his boat were saved.

Stephen Crane, probably the best known American on board, was with Captain Murphy, in one of the boats. They have not been heard from.

HAMMOND MISSING.

Alleged Wrecker of the Illinois National Believed to Have Suicided.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—W. A. Hammond, vice-president of the National Bank of Illinois, is missing. Some effects were found on the lake front at Dempster street pier near his home at Evanston. The recent sensational bank failure is supposed to have led to his disappearance. His friends went to Dempster

street pier and there found a number of papers in Hammond's handwriting which convinced the searchers that Hammond had committed suicide by jumping into the lake. A quick search for the body was undertaken. The disappearance of Hammond recalls the suicide of Otto Wasmannsdorff, banker, which was the direct result of the failure of the National Bank of Illinois. Wasmannsdorff blew his brains out with a revolver. Hammond's body was found later.

### ZULUS PUNISHED.

For Burning a Mission Town and Massacring the Inhabitants.

London, Jan. 4.—Advice received here from Blantyre, a mission town in British South Africa, announces that the British force sent last month against the Azogis Zulus under Chief Chikusi, who invaded South West Nyassaland and burned a British mission station besides massacring the inhabitants of a number of villages, routed the Angonis with very heavy loss after some sharp fighting. Chief Chikusi was captured and hanged. Five men of the British force were wounded.

### NEW CUSTOMS REGULATION.

Regarding the Exportation of Animals from Canada to the States.

Washington, D.C., Jan. 4.—The secretary of the treasury has instructed customs officials along the Canadian borders of the customs regulation requiring a separate affidavit for each animal, and the exaction of ten cents for each blank oath furnished importers, in connection with the importation of animals for breeding purposes, which is no longer to be permitted. At the utmost separate oaths will be required only for each class of animals imported, and in case of sheep, only one oath for the entire invoice will be permitted.

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